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Intimations.
REGATTA HOLIDAYS.
THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 16th and 17th inst. respectively.
Hongkong, December 11, 1903. 2493

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
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Intimations.

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during the Forthcoming Race Meeting are
requested to apply in writing to the Under-
secretary on or before WEDNESDAY, 16th
December inst.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hong Kong, December 12, 1903. 2508

VICTORIA REGATTA.
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
16th and 17th December.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE VICTORIA
RECREATION CLUB request the
pleasure of the Company of the Ladies
of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY and
THURSDAY, the 16th and 17th Decem-
ber, at 1 p.m., on board the sailing ship
'Brilliant', which has been kindly placed
at the disposal of the Committee as a Flagship
by Capt. G. Cowlishaw.

The Ladies' Prize will be presented by
Miss Berkeley immediately after the Race
on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
Through the courtesy of Mr. Dixon, the
Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and
Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., the Race will
leave Blake Pier on each day at 12.30 p.m.
and 1.15 p.m. to convey Visitors on board
the Flagship, leaving the Flagship 10
minutes after the last Race on each day.
By kind permission of the L.-Col. W. S.
Birdwood and Officers, the Band of the
10th Mahratta Light Infantry will perform
each day.

The Secretary's Launches will leave
Blake Pier each day at 12 p.m. sharp to
convey rowing members to the Flagship.
Admission to the Flagship (Gentlemen)
\$1.00 each day.
Tickets for Admission may be obtained
from the Steward, V.R.C.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN,
Actg. Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.
Hong Kong, December 10, 1903. 2489

**THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the said SHARE-
HOLDERS of the above Company will be
held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of
the Company, 39 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day
of DECEMBER, 1903, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
General Managers together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending 30th
November, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 19th to
26th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, December 12, 1903. 2508

**HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby Notified
that in accordance with the Special
Resolutions passed on 31st October, and
confirmed on 18th November, 1903, they
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of one Share for every two old Shares held
by them. Forms of Application will be
sent to every Shareholder.

The Sum of \$2.50 per Share will be pay-
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of January, 1904, the whole
Amount payable in respect of their Shares,
can do so, and in such event will receive
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The New Issue will rank for Dividend
pro-rata from 1st January, 1904, according
to the amount paid on such Shares on 4th
January, 1904.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be
CLOSED from 17th December, 1903, to
4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, December 1, 1903. 2415

**HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED**

TIME TABLE.

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7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
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Hong Kong, June 10, 1903. 97

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
HEAVY GUN PRACTICE will take place
from Victoria Battery, Belcher Sub-district,
on the 16th instant, and the residents with-
in a radius of one mile of the Battery are
hereby warned to keep the doors and
windows of their houses open on that date
to prevent damage to buildings.
Practice will commence at 9 a.m. and
end about 11 a.m. if the range is clear.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hong Kong, December 8, 1903. 2478

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
GUN PRACTICE will take place from
Stonecutters Island (West, East and South
shore Batteries) in a South-Westerly direc-
tion at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards, on
the 18th instant, and from Lyemun (Re-
doubt and Pak-sha-wan Batteries) in the
direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at
ranges from 1,000 to 4,000 yards, on the
19th instant.

If the weather is unfavourable on either
of these dates, Practice will take place on
the 21st instant.

Practice will commence at 9.30 a.m. on
the 18th instant, and at 9 a.m. on the 19th
instant, and end at 11 a.m. daily, if the
range is clear.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hong Kong, December 8, 1903. 2481

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Miscellaneous.
9.30 a.m. - Military Gun Practice.
1 p.m. - Insurance Offices Close.
9 p.m. - Boxing at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 17.
Register of Shares of Hongkong Estate
& Finance Co., Ltd., close from this
date to the 4th January, 1904, in-
clusive.
Goods per *Kiatschen* undelivered after
after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Coleridge* undelivered
4 p.m. date will on this be landed.

FRIDAY, December 18.
9.30 a.m. - Military Gun Practice.
2.30 p.m. - Auction of a Fine Collection
of Japanese Art Curios and Emblems,
etc., at Mr Geo. Lammer's
Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, December 19.
Transfer Books of The Hongkong High-
Level Tramways Co., Ltd., closed from
this date to the 26th inst., inclusive.

SUNDAY, December 20.
Goods per *Japan* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Tientsin* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, December 22.
Goods per *Avon* unclaimed after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
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WEDNESDAY, December 23.
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1903.

SPEAKING at Liverpool recently in favour of his retaliatory policy, Mr Chamberlain dealt with the shipping interests of Great Britain. In doing so, he directed attention to the disabilities imposed upon British shipping by other nations as well as by our own legislation, all of which give facilities to foreign shipping that are denied to British vessels. Hongkong shipping firms know how the Board of Trade regulations affect shipping frequenting this port, and will doubtless welcome the attention that has been called to the subject by a statesman of Mr Chamberlain's calibre. There is one point that is likely to be brought still more prominently into public notice by reason of a measure now before the U.S. Congress. This is the so-called coast-wise trade of foreign countries and the exclusion of British shipping from that trade. 'What,' asked Mr Chamberlain, 'about the definition of coast-wise trade which makes a voyage from Riga, in the Baltic, to Vladivostok, in Siberia, a coasting voyage, or from Portland, Maine, to San Francisco, on the Californian coast, a coasting voyage? And yet these are voyages which no British ship may entertain, while on the other hand, a foreign ship can come in here at Liverpool, may travel all round our coast, calling at every port as it goes, or it may go from here to the furthest end of the earth, where the British flag flies, and in no circumstances will it be placed at any disadvantage with regard to us.' He then dealt with the case of Madagascar, from which the French navigation laws have excluded British vessels altogether, and proceeded to deal with the case of Cuba. He said:—

We will take another case, a more important case—that of Cuba. Cuba, a great island only requiring the good American protection to make it one of the richest countries in the world, was, exactly like Madagascar, handed over to the care of America, and our idea was that our conditions of trade with Cuba would be respected. They have not been respected. Perhaps the Americans did not understand them in the same sense as we do. But that as it may, all representations by us have been fruitless, and the American Government, the American President, proposes preferential arrangements with Cuba, treating Cuba exactly as I want you to treat our Colony of Canada. He proposes to make a preferential treaty with Cuba, the result of which will be that no more traffic between Cuba and all the English goods will go to Cuba, and all the traffic between Cuba and the United States will be done in United States ships. And not merely that. See how these things begin: see how these things end. I am told that a large trade is done between Pangson and Cuba in Indian rice, and that that is now done by British ships; but the result will be that rice will go to New York, and from there to Cuba in American ships; and once more a portion of your trade has been shipped off, and because you have gained somewhere else, you will have the Golden Club still holding high its flag and saying, 'See how great is our trade; see what a magnificent people we are, and the losses we can sustain without complaints.'

Mr Chamberlain then dealt with Mr Seddon's proposals in New Zealand, in which the Premier of that Colony recommends that the same treatment should be measured to foreign countries that they measured to the British Empire. Mr Chamberlain is too wise to suggest the adoption of Mr Seddon's proposals offhand, but he says: 'There must be a remedy, there must be some way of bargaining with these gentlemen to get rid of these unfair restrictions. And it is for that power of bargaining and, if necessary, of retaliation that Mr Balfour has asked and that I have asked.' If Mr Chamberlain's policy were to be adopted, and were applied to the whole Empire, including Hongkong, it would work a revolution in the shipping trade of this port. Is the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce dealing with the subject in this phase, so vitally important to the Colony? Are the British members of the Chamber satisfied that the Chamber, as at present constituted, is competent to deal with the subject, or will they recognise the growing necessity, emphasised for many years by us, for a distinctly British organization for dealing with purely British commercial matters?

If not, what does the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce propose to do with regard to the measure, now before the U.S. Senate proposing to exclude from the Philippines 'coast-wise' trade all vessels not under the U.S. register? Of course, the restrictions of the Spanish régime have been continued

under the American, so far as the inter-island trade is concerned; but it is now proposed to prevent a foreign vessel (and this means, in most cases, British vessels) from going direct from the Philippines to a port in the United States or vice versa. Details will be found in another column. We do not propose to discuss Mr W. P. Frye's measure in detail. It only serves to enforce Mr Chamberlain's appeal for power to retaliate. American commercial and shipping interests are actively hostile to British interests. The sentiment that is talked from time to time over the dinner table has no substantial basis when it comes to 'talking business,' as our American cousins would put it. We are pleased, however, to note that the *Manila Cable* opposes Mr Frye's proposals. It does so on the score of American self-interest, not on any sentimental grounds. 'Our Manila contemporary does not mince matters. "It would be idiotic," it says, "to put in force here the coastwise laws of the mainland. At present, there is practically no export trade from the Philippines to the United States, except hemp, and the import trade is not yet sufficiently developed to make it a paying proposition for the direct calls which are made here monthly by the San Francisco mail lines." It then proceeds to show that the O. and O. and Nippon Yusen steamers, which make periodic calls at Manila on their way from San Francisco to Hongkong, would be driven out of this trade otherwise it would be to the benefit of the C. P. R. It says:—

In the meantime, while the San Francisco lines are being thus crippled in their service their chief competitor, the Canadian Pacific Co., an English corporation, becomes correspondingly benefited. While it will be impossible for passengers to cross over to Hongkong by outside steamer and from that point, purchase to point to be considered is the future possibilities of trade relations with Japan. That country is looking forward to the establishing of trade relations with these Islands, taking from them their sugar and hemp, and quite a market can be developed there for our products. The treaty between the United States and Japan expires in 1908, when a new one will be drawn, and if the operation of the goods could be postponed until about that date, sufficient time would then have been allowed to see just what proportions this Island trade would assume, and it would seem that all interests would be amply protected and all friction avoided.

It is no concern to Britishers, outside the few engaged in trade in the Philippines, whether Mr Frye's proposal would be beneficial or detrimental to the development of the Philippines. But it does concern us as Britishers that 'friendly' Powers take actively hostile methods of driving our ships out of certain trades. It affects Hongkong more probably than most Colonies. Are the shipping and commercial men of Hongkong thinking out the problem themselves or are they content to leave the thinking to be done by their 'principals' in England, without attempting to point out to them whether Mr Chamberlain's proposals are likely to benefit this port or otherwise? British trade has been allowed to dwindle in China because the 'principals' at home have refused to take the advice of their agents and merchants in direct touch with the native buyers, while German trade has increased and is still increasing. Past neglect of advice may discourage the tendering of further advice; but in such an important subject as our shipping interests it is surely worth an effort to arouse public opinion at home by pointing out how foreign competition hits British interests unfairly, so that the people may know who to hit back. That is surely a duty laid upon our representative commercial men. What are they doing?

Lord Kitchener.
A Simla telegram states that Lord Kitchener is making rapid progress towards recovery. Sir Frederick Treves is about to visit Simla, and it is understood that he will be Lord Kitchener's guest. General Walker Kitchener, Commanding the Lahore district, is shortly expected at Simla.

The Rainfall.
The following table gives the monthly rainfall at the Observatory to the end of November with the means and extremes for 19 years:—

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.				
	1903	1884-1902.	Mean.	Max.
January	1.37	1.32	8.43	0.00
February	2.37	1.94	7.35	0.24
March	2.03	2.62	10.43	0.17
April	4.72	5.61	14.89	1.06
May	13.96	13.41	48.84	1.15
June	25.23	16.36	34.37	2.34
July	11.16	13.45	28.24	4.57
August	14.97	14.18	27.87	8.20
September	16.64	7.77	19.11	1.94
October	1.66	4.89	17.87	0.01
November	1.09	1.74	7.32	0.01

The year's rainfall amounts to 93.67 inches—about 10 inches above the average.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Government, we are pleased to see, has taken a sensible view of the SANITARY BOARD. A proposal to re-appoint the Medical Officer of Health as a member of the Sanitary Board, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Acting Colonial Secretary announced that the proposal had been dropped on account of the opposition of the Unofficial Members. As there seems to be misconception in certain quarters regarding the opposition to this official's appointment to the membership of the Board, it is perhaps necessary to point out that the Medical Officer of Health's exclusion from the Board's policy in regard to the sanitation of the Colony. The objections were not raised by the land-lord interests, or any other particular 'interests.' The original appointment was the cause of the disruption of the Board some years ago, and it was desirable, since the Board, as at present constituted, is doing excellent work and working smoothly, that nothing should be done to bring about another disruption. It is undesirable and inconvenient, to say the least, to have a servant of the Board on the Board itself. As a member, he has to deal with his own acts as Medical Officer and the acts of other servants of the Board, and though, doubtless, as long as Dr Clark held the position, there would be a minimum of friction, there is no certainty that his successors would possess the same praiseworthy tact and judgment. The Government has done well to recognise this, and its action now gives hope that in its future policy on matters of no less importance than the Sanitary Board it will accept the advice of those who have the welfare of the Colony at heart.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

'The Best of Mothers-in-Law.'
A beautiful statue of the Saviour, about seventeen feet high, sent from Denmark, has been erected on the right of the steps of the approach to the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, near Windsor Castle, at the expense of Queen Alexandra, in memory of Queen Victoria, 'the best of mothers-in-law.'

'His Excellency.'
The Amateur Dramatic Club start rehearsal of the comic opera 'His Excellency' early next week. Most of the principal parts have been allotted, and a strong chorus, especially in tenors and baritone, has been put together. We understand a few more sopranos and altos are desired by the management.

Lucknow Polo Tournament.
The final game in the Lucknow Polo Cup Tournament was played off on the 27th ult. in the presence of a very large gathering. The teams were the 4th Dragoon Guards and the 15th Hussars. Both teams played for all they were worth from start to finish, and the game ended in favour of the Hussars by 3 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 2 goals and 3 subsidiaries.

An Admiralty Test.
The presence of so many war ships in the harbour affords the Admiralty an excellent opportunity of carrying out a test of some importance, and full advantage is being taken of it. The experiment is to ascertain how long it would take to fully provision and prepare a ship, or number of ships, for sea, and it was commenced yesterday evening and continued to-day. All is life and bustle at the arsenal and in the naval yard, and the staff is bent on putting up a record if possible. This morning Major-General Villiers Hutton, accompanied by Colonel Brown, R.E., inspected the arsenal.

The A. D. C.
Another fashionable audience attended the final performance of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' by the A. D. C. last night. With the exception of a few points missed here and there, the performance was a highly creditable one, and although we have had better combinations of amateur talent it may at least be claimed that the present company has maintained the reputation gained by the local amateurs. Last night Mrs Hastings and Mrs Fitzwilliams were deservedly applauded again and again for their clever work. Each had made a careful study of her part, and in their case there can be nothing but praise. Lieut. Davidson has also proved a valuable acquisition to the A.D.C., and should be entrusted with a prominent part in any future performance. 'The Importance of Being Earnest' was well staged. A special word of praise is due to Mr E. W. Mitchell, the prime organiser of these amateur performances. While he was absent from the Colony, there was a dearth of these theatrical entertainments, but since his return he has put new life into the A.D.C. He has received valuable assistance from Mr H. C. Nicolle and Mr George Caldwell, and other members of the Committee. The public will look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the forthcoming performance of 'His Excellency.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The German Mail of the 15th November was delivered in London on the 15th December.

The Australian Commonwealth Senate and House of Representatives were dissolved on November 24.

We have received some tips for the Regatta from 'Seaweed,' but no card. All correspondents should enclose their names.

Supernumerary Captain J. B. Arbuthnot, M.V.O., Sir Henry Blake's son-in-law, has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the Scots Guards.

The golf championship of Caylon was won by Mr G. B. Elliott, who defeated Mr J. G. Melrose by 2 up and 1 to play. Mr Elliott was twice the winner in 1900.

Colonel J. McCleverty, on vacating command of the 45th Regimental District (the Sherwood Foresters, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment), is placed on half-pay.

There were 223 European and 45 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 90 European and 2,034 Chinese visitors to the Museum, during the week ending 13th December.

Mr Dean C. Worcester, a member of the U.S. Civil Commission administering affairs in the Philippines, arrived in the Colony by the Korea yesterday on his way back to Manila. Mr Worcester is accompanied by Mrs Worcester and family, and is residing at the Penk Hotel.

Naval Matters.
H.M.S. *Orion* is expected to arrive in port to-day from the north. The *Albion*, *Vengeance*, *Glory*, *Leristhus*, *Talbot* and *Amphitrite* are in the harbour, and no other vessels are expected to arrive for some time.

Overcrowded Lodgings.
At the Magistrate's to-day before Mr T. Sercombe Smith two men were charged with having more lodgers on their premises than their licences warranted. Fines of \$25 or one month's gaol were imposed in each case.

Public Health and Building Ordinance.
The Legislative Council yesterday passed the Bill to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, after eliminating the clause providing that the Medical Officer of Health should be a member of the Sanitary Board.

Hospitals.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherfield Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Parson Charity Fund \$100
Li Yin See 50
Lau Foon 5

Toy Bazaar.
A Bazaar of Toys, under the auspices of the Catholic Union, will be held on Saturday evening next, the 19th, at 9 o'clock, in the rooms of the Catholic Union (near the R. C. Cathedral). The Children's stalls and Tea Room will be opened at 5 p.m. Admission for adults (including souvenier), 50 cents; children, 10 cents.

Conserving the Water Supply.
A notification from the water authorities will be found in another column to the effect that in the absence of further rainfall on and after Monday, the 21st instant, recourse will be had to the intermittent supply of water through the public mains. Details of the hours at which the water will be turned on are given in the advertisement.

Tramway Progress.
In connection with the laying of the tram-lines for the new tramway, work has been actively progressing. With the exception of about 100 yards, the lines have been laid from West Point to Arsenal Street, and this small break will soon be completed. The Happy Valley branch line is practically finished. The joining of the West Point and East Point sections must precede wait until the Praya East is raised. This work is being pushed on with all rapidity by the Public Works Department, and in a very short space of time, taking into consideration the magnitude of the work, will be concluded, thus paving the way for the completion of the tramway. Along Des Voeux Road the work of filling in the cement between the rails is now being carried out. Cables have been laid for a considerable length, and a large number of poles have been erected. The engines for the Power House are expected to arrive shortly, as they are on their way out, and the cars are due to arrive in a month or six weeks.

Have You Rheumatism?
If you hit your thumb with a hammer, would you swallow a lot of medicine to ease it? Not on your life. You would wrap it up with some soothing, healing remedy like Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and let nature do the rest. There is no more sense in swallowing a lot of medicine for Rheumatism than there is for a bruised thumb. What you want to do is to rub your Rheumatism with Chamberlain's Pain Balm every night and morning. Rub it well in, and let nature do the rest, and between Pain Balm and nature you will be cured. One application gives relief. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WARRICK Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hockey.
Yesterday the 89th Co. R.G.A. met the 89th Co. R.G.A. on the Hockey Ground, Happy Valley. Neither team scored before half-time, though the 89th Co. subsequently scored two.

Another Australian Gold Rush.
Gold alluvial gold is reported to have been struck at Billycan, near Colgaridge, West Australia, and hundreds of the townspeople of all professions are proceeding to rush the place.

Another Big Steamship Combine.
The Federal Line, the Houlder Line and the Shire Line of steamers have formed a combination to be known as the 'Federal, Houlder, and Shire Line Fleet,' which is to trade between Australia, South Africa, and Europe, and comprises thirty-three vessels with 276,000 tons carrying capacity.

Sir E. K. Douglas.
Among the King's Birthday knights is Professor R. K. Douglas, of the British Museum, who ranks very high as an Oriental Scholar, and has spent several years in the trying Chinese Consular Service. The title is conferred, no doubt, as much on the author of 'The Language and Literature of China,' and numerous other works in a difficult branch of scholarship, as on the Keeper of the Oriental Printed Books in the British Museum, says *The Standard*.

Alleged Manslaughter.
Tosuke Takai, a Japanese, appeared before Mr T. Sercombe Smith, at the Magistrate's to-day, on a charge of the manslaughter of a coolie at Quarry Bay. Mr John Hays (of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the defence. Evidence was given to the effect that the body had been recovered and identified. The man's skull was fractured, and death was probably caused by that fracture. The accused made no statement, and the case was still proceeding when our representative left the Court.

Sir H. Blake and Ceylon.
The people in Colombo gave Sir Henry Blake a flattering reception on his arrival there. The route from the landing pier to Queen's House was decorated throughout. The Municipal Council's address of welcome was presented in a basket of novel design. On a slab of ebony were two elephants in kneeling position, with their trunks uplifted holding up the end of a tusk. The tusk formed the basket, having a silver cap to it. There was not much time for anything more elaborate; but, as a novelty, Sir Henry Blake should highly value it.

Masonic.
At a regular meeting of the 'Ararat' Lodge of R. A. Mariner's held on the 10th instant, Bro. G. G. Burnett was installed as the W.C.N. for the ensuing year. This beautiful installation ceremony was performed by Wor. Bro. J. Bryant, assisted by Wor. Bro. J. Loehnd and Wor. Bro. G. P. Lammer. Wor. Bro. G. P. Burnett, then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

S. W. Bro. H. W. Wolfe
J. W. Bro. H. W. Wolfe
Treas. Bro. J. P. Presley
Scribe Bro. J. Robins
S. D. Bro. J. H. H. H.
J. D. Bro. E. R. Ugal
I. G. Bro. J. Parkinson
D. C. Bro. W. Tucker
Tyler Bro. J. Vanstone.

Threatened to Murder Chinamen.
Says the *Manila Cable* of December 12:—There was an exciting half hour in the Court of Customs Appeals yesterday afternoon when the defence in the Miller case undertook the impeachment of the Government's star witness, Charles E. Richardson, who came from Hongkong to testify in accordance with an agreement had with W. Morgan Shuster. The defence put in evidence a letter which Richardson wrote to Collector Shuster demanding that a contract which the Customs detectives had gotten hold of be returned to him at Hongkong. The writer threatened that unless his demands were complied with he would go to any limit even to the commission of murder or procuring it done. At the time the letter was written Richardson had in his charge seven Chinamen bound for the Islands apparently under the contract which was in the possession of the Collector of Customs, Richardson said in effect that unless his demands were complied with he would have these Chinamen taken to some obscure part of the empire and through his influence in Chinese circles, have them subjected to all manner of torture and photographed during their sufferings and then have them beheaded. The pictures of the tortured Chinamen he proposed to send to all the American papers with the statement that the men were subjected to all those tortures and put to the horrible death because of the actions of W. Morgan Shuster. In short, Richardson assured the Collector in the letter that he would thereby hit him, so that politically that he could not be elected dog-catcher in any town of the United States. After the letter was put in evidence Richardson went on the stand and said that he had written it to try to bluff Shuster. He said, that he did not know Shuster, but from what he had learned of him from W. D. Ballantine, he thought that he would be able to bluff him into sending back the contract which he considered damaging evidence against himself as well as his associates Miller and Ballantine. He asserted that Glover, the detective, had stolen the contract, and he went to the extent of the dire threat to bluff the Collector of Customs into returning it to him.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.FOR HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.S.S. *Arcturion*, Capt. Fourt, 24th December, 1903. Freight.FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND PENANG.S.S. *Nürnberg*, Capt. JAHN, 26th December, 1903. Freight.

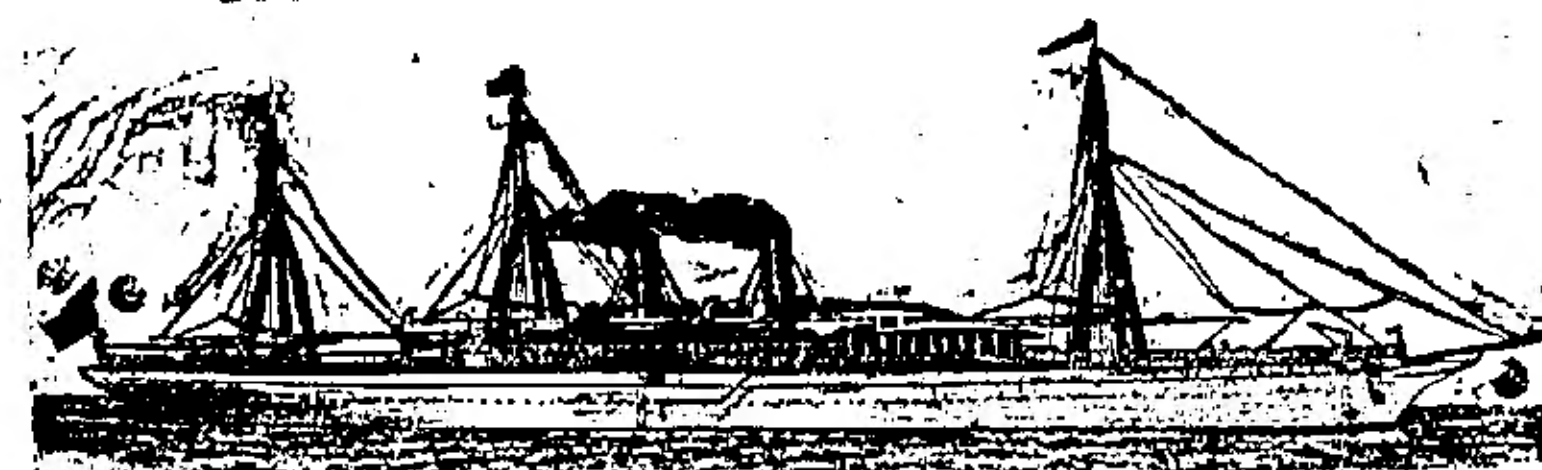
FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ.

S.S. *Nürnberg*, Capt. VON HOFF, About end of December, or beginning of January.FOR ROTTERDAM AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE.S.S. *Savoie*, Capt. DEKAT, 1st January, 1904. Freight & Passengers.FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.S.S. *Ambrus*, Capt. DUCKSTEIN, 10th January, 1904. Freight.

For further particulars, apply to

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HONGKONG OFFICE,
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R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16, 1903.
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R.M.S. ATHERIAN	3882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 9.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 30.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, April 20.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, April 27.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, May 11.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the TRANS-PACIFIC journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with the Trans-Atlantic Lines, of which passengers are through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Hongkong, October 21, 1903.

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PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, PORTLAND, OREGON, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR

OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	HONGKONG
ENDRASAMHA	6197	W. E. Craven	December 21, 1903
ENDRAVELLI	4899	R. P. Craven	January 14, 1904
ENDRAPURA	4899	A. E. Hollingsworth	February 13, 1904

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, December 12, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Steamers	Destinations	Sailing Dates
HAJATA MARU, F. L. SOMMER	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 18th Dec., Daylight
KAGOSHIMA MARU, K. KORI	MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 25th Dec., at Noon
BINGO MARU, F. DAVIES	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and FORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight
HIROSHIMA MARU, J. NAGAO	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon
KAGA MARU, N. OKUNO	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 p.m.
KASUGA MARU, W. SCOTT HUNTER	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, at Noon
YAWATA MARU, A. E. MOORE	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 12, 1903.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TYNE	29th December
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESBOR	1st January
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEMICK	8th January
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KINTUCK	14th January
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PINSUVEY	22nd January
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOVUNEY	29th January
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLAPCUS	3rd February

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO MAIL
LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	18th December
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PERMETHES	22nd December
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARBANUS	19th January
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTZE	19th January
LIVERPOOL	DROED	22nd January

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO MAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via	TYNE	1st January
NEI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YANGTZE	24th January

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, December 14, 1903.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO MAIL
SHANGHAI	YUNNAN	16th December
MANILA	HAHONG	17th December
SHANGHAI	WUHO	17th December
SHANGHAI	KASHING	19th December
MANILA	CHINGT	30th December
PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHINGT	30th December

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Sailing Dates, 1903.

KONIG ALBERT ... WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec. 1903.

KLATSCHOU ... WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan. 1904.

SACHSEN ... WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan. 1904.

BAYERN ... WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb. 1904.

GERA ... WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb. 1904.

SEYDLITZ ... WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar. 1904.

PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar. 1904.

ROON ... WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar. 1904.

HAMBURG ... WEDNESDAY, 13th April 1904.

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VIA

SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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TREMONT	9606	T. W. Garlick	December 19.
VICTORIA	3302	J. Trubridge	December 30.
LYRA	4417	J. V. Williams	January 21.
OLYMPIA	2837	A. Dixon	February 12.
SEAWMUT	9606	W. M. Smith	February 20.

* Have no second class accommodation. † Cargo only. ‡ Not calling at Shanghai.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamer for Manila.

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KOBE	Tientsin	Daylight, 16th December	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	H. W. KENRICK, R.N.R.	December	
	Coromandel	About 19th December	Freight and Passage.
	G. M. MONTFORD, R.N.R.	December	
LONDON, &c.	Ballaarat	Noon, 19th December	See Special Advertisement
	C. R. LONDON	December	
LONDON & ANTWERP, via	Manila	About 24th December	Freight and Passage.
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Said & Malia	L.N. R.N.	December	

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

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HUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	Dec. 26, at 10 a.m.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Nodley		

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Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, December 12, 1903.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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FOOCHOW, via SWATOW	ANPING MARU	WEDNESDAY, 16th December
AND AMOY	J. Goro	THURSDAY, 17th December
TAMSUI, via SWATOW	DAIJIN MARU	December
AND AMOY	T. Ogata	December
TAMSUI, via SWATOW	DAIJI MARU	TUESDAY, 22nd December
AND AMOY	T. W. Grover	December
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AND AMOY	K. Akashi	December

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T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 12, 1903.

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REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TUFINAS	JAVA PORTS	January 10	SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Jan. 12.
TUJATJAP	MACASSAR, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Second half of December	JAVA PORTS AND MACASSAR	Second half of Dec.
TUJAH	Do.	First half of January	Do.	First half of January

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Hongkong, December 15, 1903.

